



StanCOG
Stanislaus Council of Governments



**2018 REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN &
SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

EIR SCOPING MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2018

Agenda



Traffic Circle/Roundabout and Pedestrian Crossings

- Environmental Review Process Overview
- Project Overview
- EIR Scope
- Questions & Comments

Purpose of this Meeting



- Inform community and concerned agencies about the project
- Solicit input regarding EIR scope
- Flag future opportunities for input



Roadway with Bus lane, Bus Stop and Class I Bike lane in Modesto

CEQA Purpose



- Disclose the significant environmental effects of proposed actions
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts
- Consider feasible alternatives to proposed actions
- Enhance public participation in the planning process

CEQA Purpose

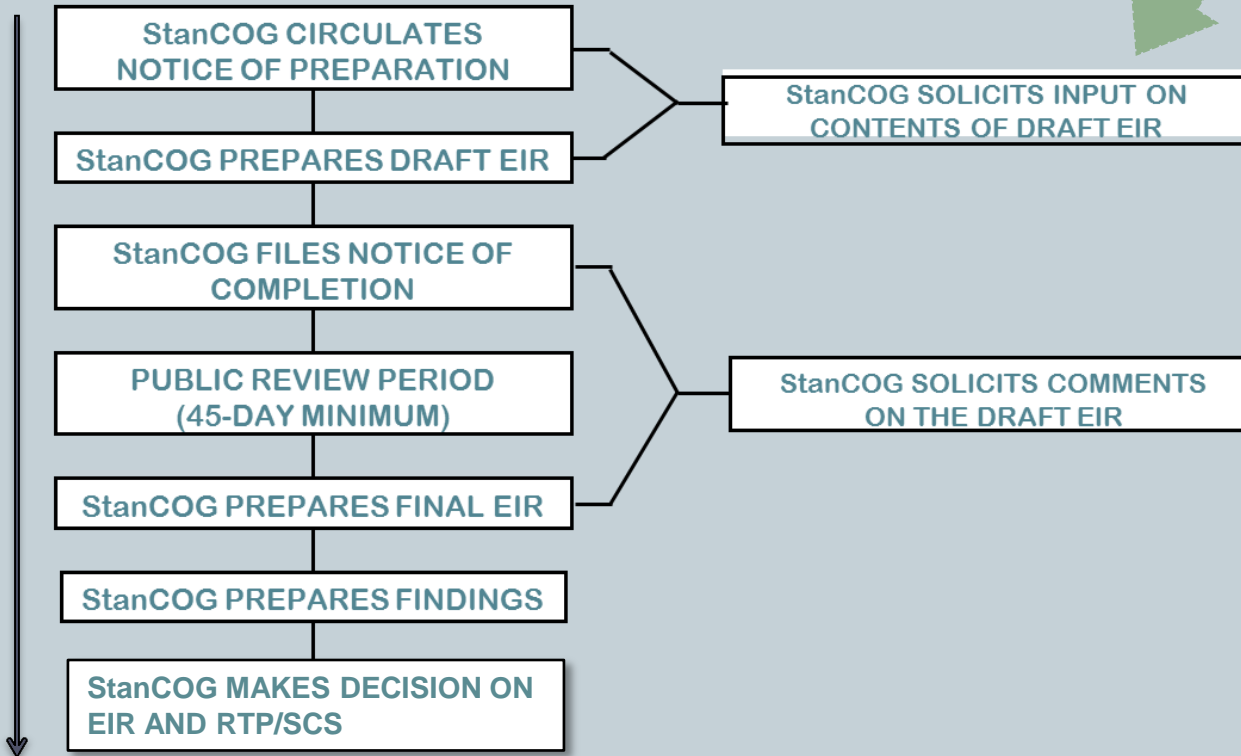


- EIR is an informational document only, and does not recommend approval or denial of the project
- The StanCOG Board will consider the information in the EIR among other factors in making a decision on the 2018 RTP/SCS

CEQA

Environmental Review Process

CEQA PROCESS



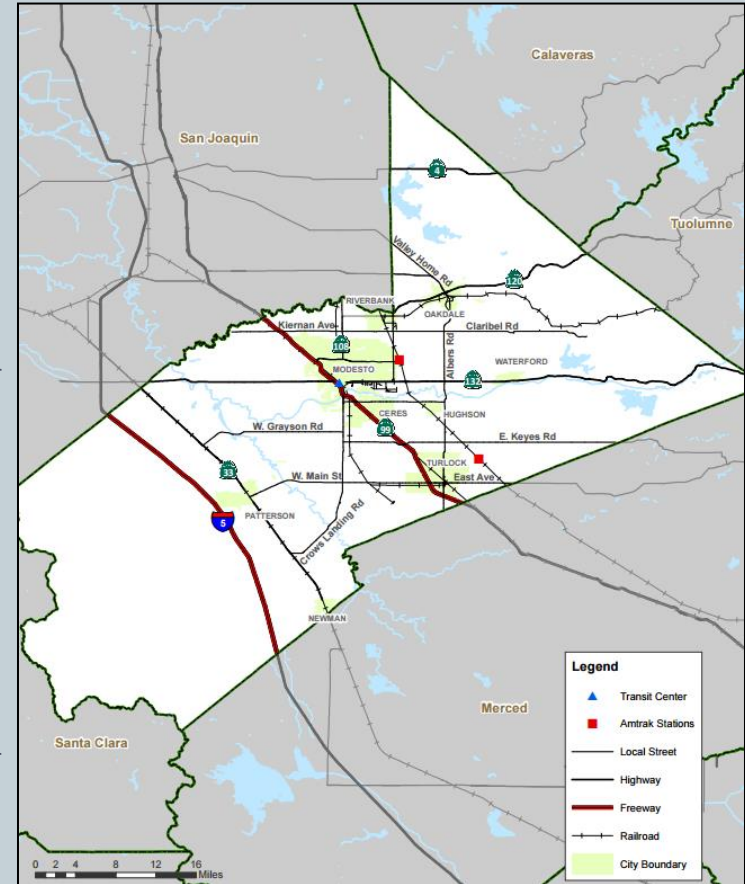
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Project Overview



- **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**
 - Long-range transportation planning document for Stanislaus Region
 - Mandated by State and Federal law
 - Plan to meet the region's transportation goals regarding current and future mobility needs
 - Addresses all transportation modes
 - Guides transportation programming documents and plans
 - Covers a 25-year planning horizon from 2018 to 2042
 - Required to be updated every 4 years



Stanislaus County Transportation Infrastructure

Project Overview (cont.)

- **Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)**

- Mandated by Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)
- Demonstrates how greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets can be met through integrated land use, housing, and transportation planning
 - ✦ Evaluates various land use planning scenarios
- Identifies strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions:
 - ✦ Alternative development patterns
 - ✦ Infrastructure
 - ✦ Additional transportation measures or policies that result in fewer and/or shorter automobile and light truck trips



Oak Valley Community Bank - Oakdale



Agriculture/Open Space near Oakdale

Project Overview (cont.)



- Passage of Measure L and SB-1
 - \$7.6 billion in funding projected over lifetime of 2018 RTP/SCS vs. \$4.5 billion projected over lifetime of 2014 RTP/SCS
- More Funding = More projects relative to last RTP/SCS = Need full programmatic EIR
- Transportation projects list is being finalized. Finalized list will be analyzed in the EIR.



Transit station in Modesto

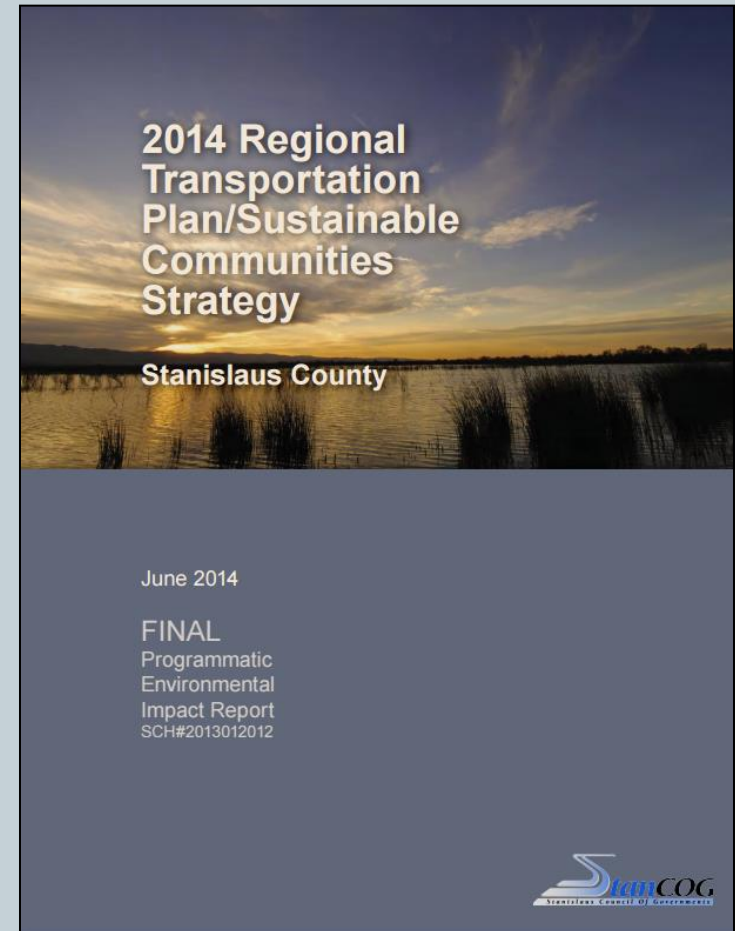


Kansas Avenue Overpass near College/10th St. Intersection in Modesto

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)



- Program EIR – a broad, comprehensive evaluation that covers many actions, long-range plans
- Baseline data used in analysis is data and modeling available at the time NOP is released
- Many transportation projects are not yet fully designed and will require additional environmental review prior to approval and implementation



Environmental Impact Report (EIR)



- Screens which transportation projects are likely to result in environmental impacts
- Includes evaluation of alternatives to the “Preferred” Scenario/Plan

Issues to be Analyzed

(CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G)



- **Aesthetics (Visual Resources)**
- **Agricultural and Forest Resources**
- **Air Quality**
- **Biological Resources**
- **Cultural Resources**
- **Energy (consumption)**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Geology/Soils**
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- **Hazards/Hazardous Materials**
- **Hydrology/Water Quality**
- **Land Use/Planning**
- **Mineral Resources**
- **Noise**
- **Population/Housing**
- **Public Services**
- **Recreation**
- **Transportation/Traffic**
- **Tribal Resources**
- **Utilities/Service Systems**

Projected Schedule



- December 20, 2017 – Release of NOP. Initiated a 30 day public review and officially started the CEQA process
- January 22, 2018 – Last day to submit comments on EIR scope
- Spring 2018 – Release of Draft EIR for public comment; 45 day public review period
- Summer 2018 – Public hearings on the Final EIR and RTP/SCS

We Welcome Your Comments



- By January 22, 2018 at 5 p.m., please provide comments to:

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Thank you for participating!



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